

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicular body and frame assembly comprising:
a plurality of structural components that are secured together in such a manner
as to form a space frame assembly; and
5 a plurality of body closure panels mounted on said structural components of
said vehicle frame assembly to form the vehicular body and frame assembly.
2. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein each
of said body closure panels is a generally flat panel having one or more open spaces
10 provided therein to support other components of vehicular body and frame assembly
thereon.
3. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein said
plurality of body closure panels includes at least one of a door closure panel, a front
15 windshield closure panel, a rear windshield closure panel, and a floor pan closure
panel.
4. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein said
plurality of body closure panels includes each of a door closure panel, a front
20 windshield closure panel, a rear windshield closure panel, and a floor pan closure
panel.
5. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein each
of the body closure panels has a recess formed therein that receives a portion of an
25 associated one of said plurality of structural components to mount said plurality of
body closure panels on said structural components of said vehicle frame assembly.

6. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 5 wherein each of said recesses is sized and shaped in accordance with a size and shape of said associated ones of said plurality of structural components.

5 7. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 6 wherein each of said recesses is sized and shaped to receive said associated ones of said plurality of structural components in a snap fit relationship.

8. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein a
10 sealing device is disposed between each of said body closure panels and said plurality of structural components.

9. The vehicular body and frame assembly defined in Claim 1 wherein a
first sealing device is disposed between each of said body closure panels and said
15 plurality of structural components, and wherein a second sealing device is provided on each of said body closure panels, said second sealing devices adapted to provide a sealed engagement with other components of the vehicular body and frame assembly.